



APRIL AND MAY EVENTS



Locust Grove Day – April 24

Parade begins at 10:00am at the Locust Grove Library. Enjoy a fun day for the entire family. There will be lots of food, crafters, music, and games. Enjoy free stage performances featuring Jason Lee and the Cyclones as well as several other entertainers. There will be a free dance in the evening featuring the Mackey Creek Band.

“Groovin in The Grove” – May 8

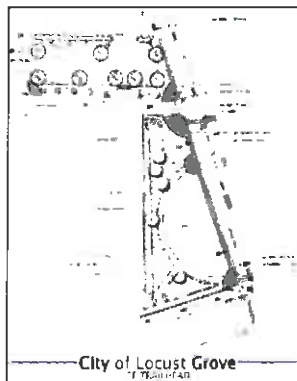
Get your friends together and purchase a table for eight or ten. Tables are \$175. Music and dancing featuring the Party Time Band. Free dessert and coffee bar included in your ticket. Bring your own food and favorite beverage. Decorate your table and enter our table-decorating contest. Prizes for the best-dressed tables. Contact Linda Hutchison at 770-692-2320 for reservations. The event will be held at the Conference Center in Locust Grove.



“Peach Stand Road Race” – May 29

It is time once again for the 4th Annual Peach Stand Road Race. The race starts at the Gardner Peach Stand on Highway 42. To register contact Tara Brown at (404) 867-7954 and at peachstandroadrace.webs.com.

NEW DOWNTOWN PARK CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



Construction has begun on several items as part of the construction of a Trailhead Park and Parking facility at the site of the Public Works Department. The projects have a total cost of nearly \$1 million and includes over \$500,000 for the relocation of Public Works (SPLOST III) and \$250,000 from the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)* more commonly known as the “Stimulus Bill”.

Already there is the temporary suspension of the waste collection site while final grading at the new location on Mose Brown is completed. The underground gasoline/diesel tanks were removed on March 2, followed by demolition of the Public Works Facilities by Renfroe Construction in April and relocation to the new site.

Willow Construction, the Stimulus contractor, has already begun demolition for construction on a new 35-space parking lot at the former Public Works Office Building and a landscaped park across Smith Street on the site of the former Shop Building. New sidewalks will be added as will landscaping, including some small plaza area near the intersection of Smith and Cleveland Streets.

Beginning in June, another ARRA Project will extend multiuse paths and widen sidewalks along Tanger Boulevard and LG-Griffin Road that will eventually connect to the Trailhead Park. The bids on this project are due April 1 and will cost approximately \$938,000. When all is complete, over \$2 million worth of infrastructure improvements will be made throughout the city to enhance the community and encourage more investment in the Historic Downtown.

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